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Ref: 2234-21384

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Cris I Zone, Reservoir F
BAYOU BILOXI FIELD, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: The Meridian Resource & Exploration,
LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cris I Zone, Reservoir F in the Bayou Biloxi Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana:

1. To designate The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC-BML 24 No. 1 alternate unit well in exception to the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E and Office of Conservation Order No. 960-A-7, effective January 4, 2005;
2. To redefine the Cris I RF SUA previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 960-A-7, effective January 4, 2005;
3. To confirm the unit established by Office of Conservation Order No. 960-A-7, effective January 4, 2005;
4. To confirm The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC as the operator of the Cris I RF SUA;
5. To find that, except to the extent contrary to the order granted by the Commissioner of Conservation in connection with the hearing held on this application, the provisions of Office of Conservation No. 960-A-7 shall remain in full force and effect;
6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the sand and reservoir by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of each reservoir changes and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation, and
7. To consider such other matters which may be pertinent to this application as shown by the evidence presented at the hearing held on this matter.

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The Cris I Zone, Reservoir F, Bayou Biloxi Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 960-A-7, effective January 4, 2005 and is redefined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 7,758 feet and 8,660 feet (true vertical depth) in The Meridian Resource & Exploration, LLC-BML 24 No. 1 Well, located in Section 24, Township 12 South, Range 16 East.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated June 22, 2006 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 17, 2006. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer were received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests to confer were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the CRIS I RF SUA, showing the location of the alternate unit well together with a list of the names and addresses of all interested owners, interested parties and represented parties who are known to the applicant after reasonable search. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all such parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, interested parties and represented parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this hearing application. Should any of these parties desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to this matter can be obtained at the cost of the requesting party, from Mr. Jim Hardwick of James F. Hardwick & Associates, Inc., 1101 S. Hugh Wallis, Suite 101, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, (337) 232-7756.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties

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SL 17810

The Meridian Res. & Expl.
Biloxi Marsh Lands 18

9956' MD
9484' VD

Biloxi Marsh Lands Inc.

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Biloxi Marsh Lands Inc.

Manti Op. Co.
Biloxi Marsh
Lands Corp.

8047' MD
7835' VD

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Biloxi Marsh Lands Inc.

Bayou

CRIS I RF SUA
BML 19 No. 1
BML 24 No. 1 ALT
± 367 ACRES

24

10763' MD
9190' VD

Meridian
BML

19-2
9800' VD

SL 17769

19

Magill
Lagoon

±3998'

Biloxi Marsh Lands Inc.

19-1
11062' MD
8830' VD

25-2

PBHL

SL 17768
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Shore Bayou

Biloxi Marsh Lands Inc.

9600'

25

Calif. & Tidewater
Biloxi Marsh Lands

Biloxi

Biloxi Marsh Lands Inc.

11176'

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UNIT WELL



ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

— APO 960-A-7

NOTE: ALL BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC

EXHIBIT NO. 3
DOCKET NO.

DATE:



THE MERIDIAN RESOURCE &
EXPLORATION L.L.C.

BAYOU BILOXI FIELD
ST. BERNARD PARISH, LOUISIANA

ADOPTED UNIT
CRIS I ZONE, RES. F

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